



# Homestead Highlights

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MAY 2008

## On Exhibit

May is the month for the annual quilt show by the Homestead Quilters Exchange and the Foothills Quilters Guild. One of our most popular exhibits, the quilts will be on display through May 31.

The Patrick County Student Art Show through May 15. Located in the lower level of the Continuing Ed Center, the exhibit features art from public, private and home-school students throughout the county.

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## Get Ready to Frolic!

It is once again time to celebrate Spring at the annual Spring Frolic on May 3 from 10 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Performances by the Patrick County High School band, elementary chorus groups and the Dancing arts center along with the Student Art Show highlight the talents of the county's youth.

Children's entertainment includes Pokeeto the Clown, face painting, plant pounding, sand art, scrap crafts, bubble blowing and old fashioned games. A Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest and Scavenger Hunt will have great prizes for participants.

Food vendors this year will provide their usual excellent fare. Backporch Grill will be

servicing up hamburgers and hot dogs, and Southern Traditions' bar-b-que and roast chicken and turkey legs are always a favorite. Kool Kids Ice Cream will satisfy any ice cream



**Cissy Swartz will return with her Laurel Mountain Soaps**

cravings and there will be a stash of Becky's Fried Pies available too!

Take a ride around the historic grounds in a horse-drawn

wagon, and don't miss the Quilt Show and Weavers' Guild spinning and weaving display. Other craft demonstrators include bobbin lace making, Shaker boxes, hand-made soaps, and gourd art. Children will enjoy Leslie Shelor's silky angora rabbits and William and Candace Fray's alpacas.

Headlining the main stage at 1:00 p.m. will be the Marcie Horne Band with their contemporary bluegrass and country music. Marcie's rendition of "Wayfaring Stranger" is not to be missed!

For kids and kids-at-heart, the day ends with the traditional Maypole dance. Don't miss this wonderful day of fun—admission is only \$1.00!

## A True Community Effort

Almost 2,700 cans of food were collected for the Patrick County Food Bank as a result of the April 16<sup>th</sup> Day of Remembrance project. This achievement is a result of the successful partnership between Patrick County Schools, the Patrick County Extension Services, and the Reynolds Homestead. Junior

Beta, Beta, and members of FFA also helped to coordinate and collect the donated goods, while individuals from the Cooperative Extension Service delivered the items to the Patrick County Food Bank. Thanks to all who played a role in honoring the lives that were lost at VA Tech in April 2007!

## Memorial Day

The Continuing Education Center will be closed Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day, but the Rock Spring Plantation House will be open for tours from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

# Mission of the Outreach and International Affairs Division

As Virginia's senior land-grant university, Virginia Tech takes seriously its motto, *Ut Prosim* (That I May Serve), by contributing to the economic and social well-being of people around the world. So, what does this mean to the citizens of Patrick, Henry, Franklin and surrounding counties? The Reynolds Homestead Continuing Education Center is one of the "outreach"

centers that fall under the VT Outreach and International Affairs division. We are making concerted efforts to raise the VA Tech image in our community by providing our citizens with the services and resources they need. Below are examples of how we accomplish this mission:

**The Virginia Tech Campus in Blacksburg**



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- Work closely with private and public secondary schools to provide teaching and learning opportunities for students;
- Collaborate with community organizations to address local economic development needs;
- Deliver cultural experiences in the form of classes, workshops, and exhibits;
- Convey the R.J. and Hardin Reynolds' story of entrepreneurial spirit and leadership;
- Partner with the Commonwealth Campuses (Hampton Roads, National Capital, Richmond, Roanoke, and Southwest) to deliver graduate and professional development programs;
- Partner with the College of Natural Resources Forest Resources Research Center;
- Extend services from the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research in Danville;
- Link the talents and expertise of university faculty with the community;
- Encourage all VT Alumni to tell the story of how the VA Tech educational experience is linked to successes in the workplace;
- Make available continuing and professional education programs.

## June Book Sale Extravaganza!

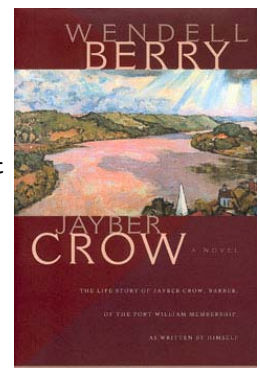
The first week of June (2-7) is your chance to get your summer reading. The Homestead has been collecting new and used books for several months, and the proceeds from the sale will be used to buy supplies and provide scholarships for our kids' summer camps.

Paperbacks are \$1 and most hardbacks \$2. There are some valuable

books in here too at good prices for collectors. Support our youth and get great summer reading at a bargain! Hours each day are 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with late hours on Thursday until 7:00 p.m. Saturday books will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

On Thursday, June 5, Beth Almond Ford hosts the discussion about

"Jayber Crow," town barber in Port William, KY, whose life story parallels the decline of sustainable agriculture in rural America. The book resonates with themes of change and transition. Bring a bag lunch, dessert and drinks will be provided. Browse the book sale and take a tour of the house. 12:00 noon.



**Beth Ford will host a book discussion of "Jayber Crow" on June 5**

## MAY 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Spring Frolic
4	5 Photography Club 6:30	6	7 Stuart Baptist Preschool Visit	8 Stuart Baptist Preschool Visit	9	10 Roanoke Co. Girl Scouts Visit
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14 "Meet & Greet" for Kay Dunkley 12:00—2:00 Postcard Club 7:00	15 Dinner & a Movie Night 6:15	16 Collinsville Primary School Visit	17
18 Weavers Exchange 2:00	19 Decorative Painters 9:30	20 Great Books 6:30	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31 Spinning Class 9:00

## Sign Up for Youth Summer Camps!

The Homestead is excited to offer four youth summer camps this year. If you have a youngster looking for something fun and education to participate in, check out these camps:

**TimeTravelers Camp** (June 17-19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) will give students ages 9-14 the opportunity visit 6 historic or museum sites and earn their TimeTravelers t-shirt and certificate signed by Virginia Governor Tim Kaine. \$90 per child.

**Youth Art Camp** (July 7-11, 9 a.m. to 12 noon) is a favorite at the Homestead. Students will take an "Art Safari" with instructors Linda Daumen and Grace Helms. This "wild" adventure will explore several different types of media and encourage students ages 5-9 to discover art in interesting and diverse ways. Art show for parents on Friday. \$65 includes all art supplies.

**Living History Civil War Camp** (July 18-20, 6 p.m. to 10 a.m.) takes kids back to the 1860s to live as they would have in the Confederate Army. Learn drills, history and the roles of men in the company. For children ages 9-14. Demonstration for parents on Sunday morning. \$50 includes all food and beverage.



**Civil War Camp 2007**

**Youth Quilt Camp** (July 28-August 1, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) gives boys and girls ages 10-17 the chance to learn

the art of hand quilting and appliqué. No previous sewing experience is required. \$65 includes all supplies.

Call today to receive an information packet about any or all of the camps.

## Meet the New Director

The Reynolds Homestead will host an Open House on Wednesday, May 14 from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. for a chance to "Meet and Greet" the new Director Kay Dunkley.

A Wythe County native, Kay comes to the Homestead with 30 years of teaching and administrative experience in Virginia's public schools and community college system.

The event is a "drop-in" so no reservations are necessary. Refreshments served.